

Application Date _____



Amount Requested \$ _____ or
_____ Equal Share

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of WI-Madison

Project application form to be completed by Member in good standing

RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Project Title _____

Project Description (About 100 words)

Contact Person for Project _____

Project address _____

Project phone and e-mail _____

If the project is funded, how will the money be conveyed?
Applications will not be considered if this information is not provided

For all projects state:

- ✓ Who the check or money order should be made out to _____
- ✓ Address to which check or money order should be sent _____

For overseas projects

We do not mail checks overseas. If money must be sent, money orders or bank drafts are preferred. Hand carried checks are a possibility in some situations.

Project Categories (Check all that apply)

Geographic location

- Africa Asia/Pacific Latin America Europe U.S.A. (except WI) WI/Madison

Type

- Cross-cultural Economic Development Environment Health
 International Education Peace Other (Specify) _____

For RPCV-WI-Madison use
Awarded Amount \$ _____
Method _____
Date Sent _____
Follow-up information on file? _____
Receipt confirmed date _____



How to Request a Donation from Calendar Proceeds

Background:

Each year we raise many thousands of dollars from sales of our International Calendar. We use the proceeds to fund educational and self-help development projects around the world (e.g., Community Garden Program in Madison, Tillers International project in Tanzania, schoolroom construction in Vietnam). The Calendar Committee sets aside funds to cover costs for the next year's calendar. The Committee then determines how much will be available for donations to worthy projects. Last year \$85,000 was set aside for donations.

Our donation process has evolved over time. Our current approach to making donations is:

1. 10% of the amount available for donations is set aside for possible use by the National Peace Corps Association for specific projects that we approve;
2. \$15,000 is set aside to
 - cover the up-front costs of running the Freeze for Food benefit race (about \$1,000),
 - fund International Education projects (enough money to bring this fund up to \$1,200),
 - fund worthy projects proposed by our members (See rules and Guidelines for Donation Requests, below);
3. The remaining funds support Peace Corps Partnership Projects (PCPP) of currently serving Peace Corps Volunteers. These projects must have Peace Corps guidelines and oversight. Each member of our group can award \$1,000 to a project or projects of his/her choice until all the funds are dispersed. Members can choose a project by going to www.peacecorps.gov, clicking on "Donate Now," choosing a project, and then telling the Donation Coordinator which project(s) they've chosen. RPCVs without Internet access should contact Walt at the address below.

Rules and Guidelines for Donation Requests:

We fund educational and self-help development projects, both domestic (some of our members will not vote for domestic projects) and foreign, consistent with our outlook outlined below.

If you wish to request a donation:

- You **must be** a dues-paying member of the RPCVs of WI-Madison or work with a member who will sponsor your project. The form **must be** filled out by the member.
- All requests for funds **must be** submitted on correctly and completely filled out **Project Application Forms** (available at www.rpcvmadison.org/rpcv-international-calendar.php). Questions about the form? Ask Walt Zeltner at 873-5257 (evenings) or zdogg47@gmail.com. **Incomplete forms will not be considered.** Be sure to indicate how to get funds to the project. We will not send checks overseas.
- **Deadline:** E-mail completed forms to zdogg47@gmail.com by **March 15, 2011**. All requests must be received by March 15, 2011. Donation requests can only be considered if they are published and distributed to the membership before the April meeting. Supporting documents can be e-mailed to zdogg47@gmail.com or mailed to: Walt Zeltner, 393 Lake Kegonsa Road, Oregon, WI 53575.
- Requests will be considered at our April, 2011 meeting. If funds remain after this meeting, requests for them will be considered at our October meeting. Funds not dispersed at these meetings will be carried over to the April 2012 meeting.
- Someone familiar with the project should attend the meeting to answer questions that may arise. If we lack adequate information, we may table a request until a project representative can be present at a meeting.
- Donations are limited to \$2,000. Requests for less are more likely to be funded in full. Projects with matching funds from other sources, including in-kind resources (e.g., labor, supplies, travel, etc.) provided by the project participants/beneficiaries are favorably considered.

Please keep in mind:

- We do not fund overseas travel, even for projects that are otherwise approved.
- Legally, we cannot fund Peace Corps Volunteers in the field. If a PCV collaborates with a local agency or individual, we can directly fund that agency or individual. Our strong preference is for the PCV to submit a project to the Peace Corps Partnership program, and then alert us to the funding opportunity.
- Generally we do not fund relief projects with calendar proceeds unless they have a significant development component. If you feel strongly about providing money to a relief project, consider organizing an educational fund-raising event for the entire community. Ask members of the group to help provide some ideas.
- We generally do not fund scholarships in the US or support living expenses for foreigners working in the US.
- A couple of years ago, several members indicated a preference for providing start-up funding to help projects get established, rather than funding projects on an ongoing basis. If you request funds, it would be best to consider the funding to be for two years at most.